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Something like this? If you want more detail, I prepared this short background piece for CEQ which they were going to use to in developing their background material.

David -

Thanks for the message. I think announcing EPA's Action Plan along with the BDCP preferred project on July 25th is a smart approach. Much in EPA's plan complements the BDCP, and in fact, it explicitly supports BDCP development. Please let us know how we can best work with you on this. - Jared

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Secretary Salazar, Administrator Lubchenco and Governor Brown expect to make an announcement involving the California water situation in Sacramento on July 25th. Although most of the attention in the lead-up to this announcement has focused on the expected fed/state announcement of a preferred alternative that will be evaluated (along with other alternatives) to address the Delta infrastructure/pumps issue, Ken and I believe that we must include some parallel announcements which demonstrate that the federal government (and the state government) are taking a wide lens when looking at water management needs in California, including the promotion of water conservation, investments in science, and taking action to improve water quality.

Under the MOU that our agencies signed in late 2010, we committed to bring coordinated resources to bear to address these other issues, and we have done so. My question is what announcements we can make on July 25 with regard to these other areas of commitment. I don't think that we should blurt out a laundry list, but instead should focus on two or three major investments that illustrate the non-Delta-centric investments that we are making in sound water management throughout California. So the question is what we can come up with that fits that bill.

For example:

For USDA, we had a great announcement a few weeks ago regarding additional commitments of NRCS funds to help irrigators use their water more efficiently. (You guys have been great on this!) Is there anything more that we could pull into a meaningful announcement?

For EPA, can we help trumpet your new water quality announcement? What can we say about it?

For the Corps, are you funding any armoring of any of the Delta levees/islands or otherwise in making important investments in the Delta?

For DOI agencies, is there any sort of new announcement that we can make regarding a Science Center in the Delta, given previously-announced commitments? (BOR). Or recommitments to Title XVI funding or another "WaterSMART" initiative? (BOR). Or any impending habitat improvement investment(s)? Or an investment in south-of-the Delta storage to enhance flexibility in the Delta (e.g., proposed SLR rise)? Etc.

Please shoot your thoughts this way. This is a very important exercise.

Thanks.

--David

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